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REBATE IN TRANSPORTATION OF GYPSUM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the percentage of quantum of Gypsum transported by the Railways in terms of the total production for the last four years in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government propose to consider bringing Gypsum in 110 categories from 130 and to provide a rebate of 20%;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Based on the information regarding production of Gypsum in Rajasthan, as obtained from the Ministry of Coal and Mines, for the four years' period from 1999-2000 to 2002-03, the percentage quantum of Gypsum transported by the Railways during this period works out to around 38%.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. In the Railway Budget 2003-04, a single uniform Class-120 for trainloads and Class-125 for wagonloads was assigned to Gypsum in all its physical forms such as lumps, powder, moulds etc. as against the earlier classification ranging from Class-120 to Class-125 for trainloads and Class-125 to Class-130 for wagonloads. In the Railway Budget 2004-05, the freight rates for Gypsum have not been increased despite increase in Railways' working expenses.